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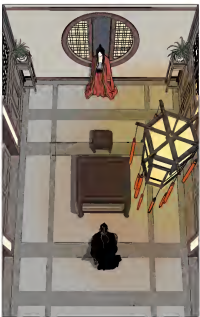
**MOON MYEONG-JU HAN BYEONG-HUN**

## CHAPTER 33

### THE BAEKMA VALLEY (14)



***YOU KNEW THAT  
THE HEAVENLY  
DESTROYER'S  
DISCIPLE WOULD  
MAKE A MOVE?***



YES.



THEN... YOU ALSO  
KNEW THAT IT'D TURN  
OUT LIKE THIS...?

I DID

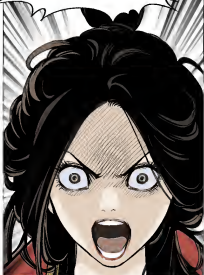
WHAT... DID  
YOU SAY?

HALF THE MEN IN  
THE VALLEY, AND EVEN  
UNCLE DANG...

...THE ENTIRE  
BAEKMA VALLEY WAS  
DRIVEN TO THE BRINK  
OF ANNIHILATION, YET  
UNTIL HE STOPPED OF  
HIS OWN VOLITION,  
NO ONE COULD  
STOP HIM.

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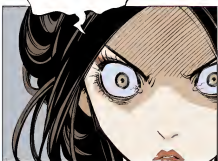
AND YOU'RE THE  
ONE WHO BROUGHT  
THIS DISASTER UPON  
US... IS THAT WHAT  
YOU'RE TELLING  
ME?

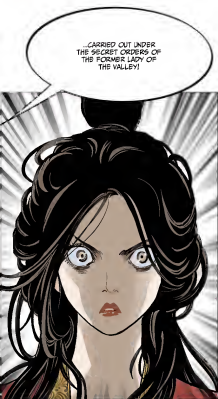


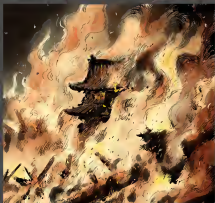
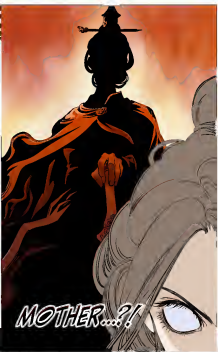
YES,  
MILADY.



WHAT...?







YES...



...MOTHER SAVED THIS MAN'S LIFE AFTER THE HEAVENLY DESTRUCTION SECT COLLAPSED. HE THEN JOINED THE BAEKMA VALLEY AND HAS BEEN HER RIGHT-HAND EVER SINCE!



HE STILL HAS TIES TO MOTHER...?







GO ON.





THE FORMER LADY IS  
CONCERNED ABOUT THE  
BARKMA VALLEY'S CURRENT  
STATE OF AFFAIRS.



...THE VALLEY  
MAY HAVE GROWN IN  
PAVE AND SIZE...

BUT IT LACKS  
SUBSTANCE.



FOR ALL ITS GREAT  
RENOWN, PEOPLE ONLY  
MENTION FEATS ACHIEVED  
UNDER *MY REIGN* WHEN  
THEY TALK OF THE  
BARKHA VALLEY...

...AND AS FOR ITS  
SIZE, IT JUST MEANS  
THAT THERE ARE MORE  
MEN THAN BEFORE.

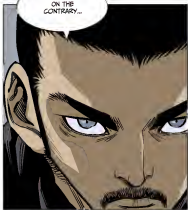
THERE IS NEED...  
FOR A *QUEEN*.

A CULLING...



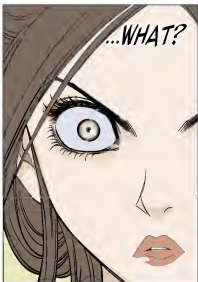
DIDN'T SHE  
REALIZE THAT IT  
COULD BRING DOWN  
THE VALLEY ITSELF?

ON THE  
CONTRARY...



THAT'S  
PRECISELY WHAT  
SHE WANTED.





WHEN THERE'S A  
FOREST FIRE, THE  
UNDERGROWTH  
DIES OFF...

...BUT GREAT, DEEP-ROOTED  
TREES SURVIVE TO LIVE FOR  
A THOUSAND YEARS.



UNDER THE  
LEADERSHIP OF THE FORMER  
LADY, THE BAEKMA VALLEY WAS  
ONLY THE HALF THE SIZE OF  
WHAT IT IS TODAY...

...BUT THE VALLEY'S  
POWER AND INFLUENCE  
WERE SO OVERWHELMING  
THAT EVEN THE GREAT  
FACTIONS HAD TO  
TREAD LIGHTLY.

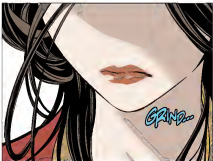


\*The 'Three Sagami' flag, which would later end up the first character of the Hoshinokuni's story

RATHER THAN  
DESIRING THE COLLAPSE  
OF THE BAEKMA VALLEY...

...IT'D BE MORE  
ACCURATE TO SAY  
THAT SHE WANTS THE  
VALLEY TO REGAIN ITS  
OLD FEROCITY...







WORD WOULD SPREAD  
NO MATTER HOW THE MEN  
ARE TOLD TO KEEP THEIR  
MOUTHS SHUT...

...AND ENEMIES WHO  
WERE KEPT IN CHECK DUE  
TO THE BAEKMA VALLEY'S  
REPUTATION WOULD START  
BARING THEIR FANGS  
ONE BY ONE.



THERE WOULD  
BE INNER TURMOIL  
AS WELL.

A LOT OF MEN WHO  
WERE CONTENT TO COAST  
BY ON THE BAEKMA VALLEY'S  
NAME WILL LEAVE, UNABLE TO  
COPE WITH THE PRESSURE  
FROM ENCROACHING  
ENEMIES.



HOW GARYBOND AND THE  
BARKHA VALLEY MANAGE TO  
OVERCOME SUCH ADVERSITIES  
WILL DETERMINE THEIR FATE...

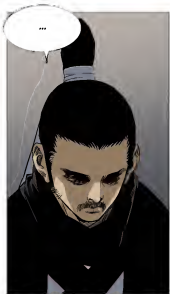


I GUESS I SHOULD  
OFFER MOTHER MY  
CONGRATULATIONS.



SINCE THIS  
CONFIRMS THAT DESPITE  
BEING THOUSANDS OF LEAGUES  
AWAY, SHE ONLY HAS TO UTTER  
A WORD TO STEER THE BAEKMA  
VALLBY'S DESTINY WHICHEVER  
WAY SHE WANTS...





FOR ALL YOUR TALK OF  
DISAPPOINTMENT AND WHATNOT,  
IT MUST'VE BEEN GRATIFYING  
TO SEE THAT HE'S INHERITED  
YOUR OLD MASTER'S MARTIAL  
ARTS TO PERFECTION.



...

WHAT DO YOU  
THINK WOULD'VE  
HAPPENED...



...IF THE MAN  
I'D DRAGGED INTO  
THIS WAS THE HEAVENLY  
DESTRUCTOR HIMSELF?



*THERE WOULDN'T  
BE A SINGLE SOUL LEFT  
ALIVE IN BAEKMA VALLEY  
RIGHT NOW.*

*THAT IS THE WAY  
OF ONE WHO WALKS THE  
PATH OF THE SUPREME  
OVERLORD!*



NOT EVERYONE  
CAN BECOME SUPREME  
OVERLORD JUST BECAUSE  
THEY'VE LEARNED THE DIVINE  
HEAVENLY DESTRUCTION  
TECHNIQUES.



MY EARLIER  
ASSESSMENT OF  
THAT YOUNG MAN, GANG  
RYONG, STILL STANDS.



HE DID CATCH ME  
OFF-GUARD, BECAUSE  
CONSIDERING HIS NORMAL  
DISPOSITION, I EXPECTED  
HIM TO INFILTRATE IN A MORE  
CLANDESTINE FASHION...

BUT IN THE END,  
HE MERELY SHOWED  
HIS LIMITS.



HIS  
LIMITS?



DID  
ANYONE IN THE  
VALLEY SEE FROM  
WHAT HAPPENED  
TODAY?





*ZHAO CHUNG AND  
HIS LACKEYS STILL  
BEING ALIVE...*

*...CAN BE ATTRIBUTED  
TO THE FACT THAT GHA  
WOBOX HAS BECOME  
SOFT DUE TO THE LIFE  
HE'S LED RECENTLY.*



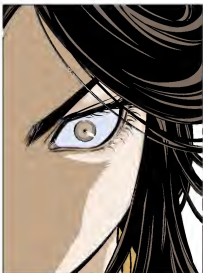
*BUT FOR SOMEONE WHO  
CALLS HIMSELF THE SUPREME  
OVERLORD'S DISCIPLE TO NOT  
USE LETHAL MOVES AGAINST  
THOSE AFTER HIS LIFE,  
OUT OF PITY...*



WITH HIS PERSONALITY,  
BEING A TAVERN BOY  
MIGHT JUST SUIT HIM.

BUT IF HE STILL  
BEHAVES THE SAME  
WAY WHEN CONFRONTED BY  
THE *FATE* THAT SURELY  
AWAITS HIM...

HE'LL  
~~NEVER~~  
SURVIVE.



ARE YOU  
SURE...

HE'S ONE  
OF 'THEM'?



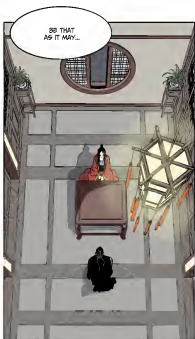
THAT'S MY  
JUDGEMENT,  
MILADY!



BUT THE ONLY  
MAN WHO CAN  
ASCERTAIN IT...

...IS GHA  
WOOBOK, THE  
WRAITH HAND!



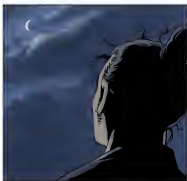


I WON'T ALLOW YOU  
TO TOUCH HIS FAMILY OR  
MANHANDLE THEM AGAIN.

IF YOU CAN'T  
PERSUADE HIM,  
YOU'D BETTER FIND  
ANOTHER WAY.

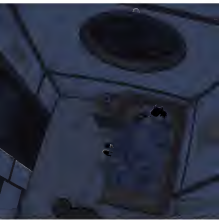
AS YOU  
COMMAND.











*GANGRYONG...*



*YOUR MASTER'S  
ENEMY STILL LIVES!*





WHAT'RE YOU  
GOING TO DO  
ABOUT IT...?



...



